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Twitter: Consulting Our Government Over Taxes, Privacy, Elections And Content Regulation

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Twitter Canada / Michele Austin, Head, Government, Public Po
Registration Information
In-house Corporation name: Twitter Canada
Responsible Officer Name: Michele Austin, Head, Government, Public Policy and Philanthropy
Responsible Officer Change History
Initial registration start date: 2018-04-25
Registration status: Active
Registration Number: 935898-362429
Registration versions: 7 of 7: 2020-03-02 to present

Twitter, just like Facebook and Google, has been meeting with public officials in the Federal Government. It would be nice to have more information beyond the blurb on the files.

Twitter Lobbying Communications Reports

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Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Dan Lindenas**, Director of Policy, Office of the Minister | Public Safety Canada (PS)

Communication Date: **2020-05-19**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Julie Boyer**, Director General - International Trade, Cultural Affairs | Canadian Heritage (PCH)

Communication Date: **2020-03-03**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Paul Halucha**, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet - Economic and Regional Development Policy | Privy Council Office (PCO)

Communication Date: **2020-02-13**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Michelle Rempel Garner**, Member of Parliament | House of Commons

Communication Date: **2020-02-05**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Bradley Callaghan**, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Mergers and Monopolistic Practices Branch | Competition Bureau Canada (COBU)

Communication Date: **2020-01-08**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Andrew Marsland**, Senior Deputy Minister | Finance Canada (FIN)
- **Brian Ernewein**, Assistant Deputy Minister | Finance Canada (FIN)
- **Miodrag Jovanovic**, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister | Finance Canada (FIN)

Communication Date: **2019-10-30**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Allen Sutherland**, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government | Privy Council Office (PCO)

Communication Date: **2019-10-23**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **James Cudmore**, Director of Policy, The Office of Karina Gould | House of Commons
- **Matthew Hall**, Policy Advisor, The Office of Karina Gould | House of Commons
- **Allan Sutherland**, Assistant Secretary (Machinery of Government) | Privy Council Office (PCO)

Communication Date: **2019-04-08**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Stephanie Kusie**, Member of Parliament | House of Commons

Communication Date: **2019-03-20**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **Linda Frum**, Senator | Senate of Canada

Communication Date: **2018-11-27**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **James Cudmore**, Director of Policy, Minister's Office | Privy Council Office (PCO)
- **Amy Archer**, Policy Advisor | Privy Council Office (PCO)

Communication Date: **2018-09-13**

Twitter Canada
In-house Corporation
Designated Public Office Holders:
- **James Cudmore**, Director of Policy, The Office of Karina Gould | House of Commons

Communication Date: **2018-07-11**

12 communications reports in the last few years. That means 12 separate meetings, not necessary 12 people who were lobbied. And this is just what's on the books. There may be a lot more that wasn't recorded.

Twitter Involved In Public Safety?

Monthly Communication Report

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362429-475759

Corporation:	**Twitter Canada**
Associated registration:	935898-362429-7
Communication date:	2020-05-19
Posted date:	2020-06-15
Designated Public Office Holders who participated in the communication:	**Dan Lindenas**, Director of Policy Office of the Minister, Public Safety Canada (PS)
Subject Matter of the communication:	Justice and Law Enforcement

On May 19, Twitter representatives met with the Office of the Minister of Public Safety (which is Bill Blair's Office). Interesting. What is the connection between Twitter, and public safety? Do certain ideas or points of view need to be censored?

Rempel & Twitter: Privacy, Access To Info

Monthly Communication Report

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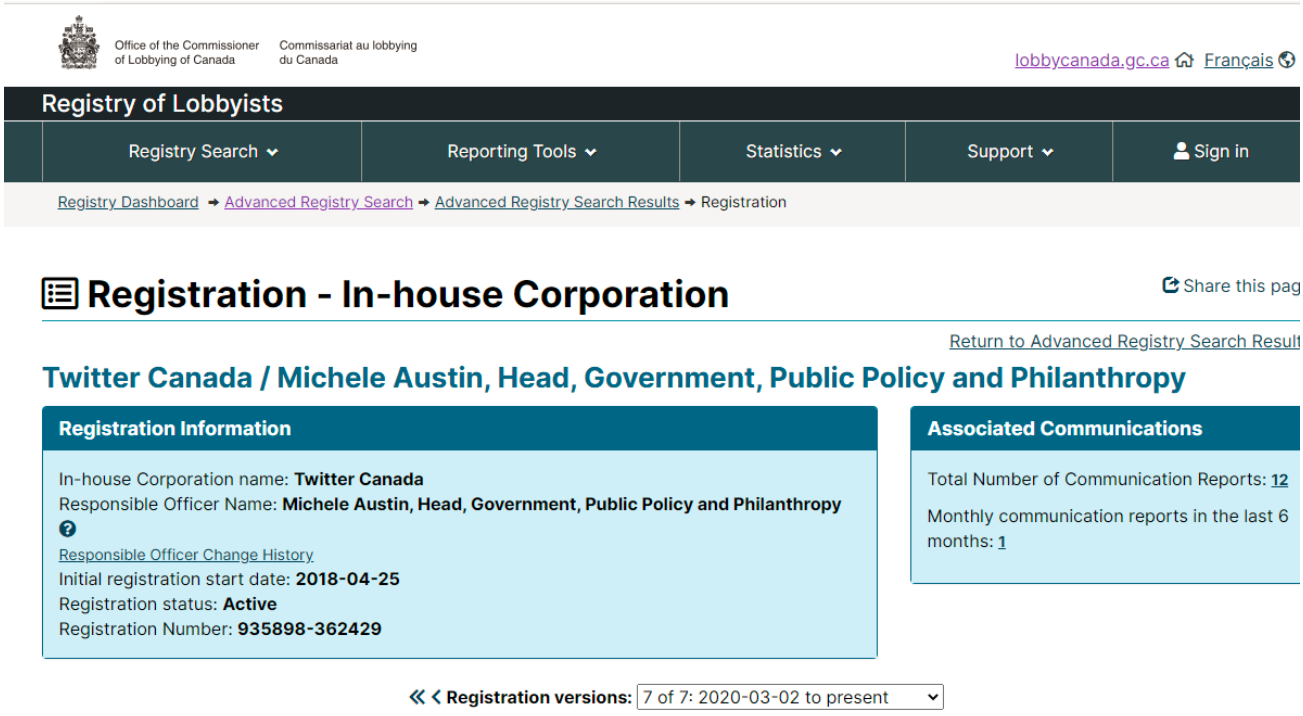
362429-463443

Corporation:	Twitter Canada
Associated registration:	335898-362429-6
Communication date:	2020-02-05
Posted date:	2020-03-16
Designated Public Office Holders who participated in the communication:	Michelle Rempel Garner, Member of Parliament House of Commons
Subject Matter of the communication:	Privacy and Access to Information , Science and Technology

Michelle Rempel met with Twitter on February 5, under the heading of privacy and access to information. Getting some more specifics would have been nice. Also, isn't this a little weird, given Rempel's habit of blocking everyone on Twitter?

What Exactly Is Twitter's Agenda?



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Associated Communications

Total Number of Communication Reports: 12

Monthly communication reports in the last 6 months: 1

Registration versions: 7 of 7: 2020-03-02 to present

Subject Matter Details

Legislative Proposal, Bill or Resolution

- Broadcasting and Telecommunications Review with regard to proposals to regulate online content.
- Income Tax Act, with regard to digital tax proposals.
- Intellectual property proposals and legislation with regard to copyright and online content.
- National Data Strategy consultations with regard to innovation, trust and privacy.
- Privacy legislation or proposals such the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) with regard to data collection, safety, and use.

Policies or Program

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Government Institutions

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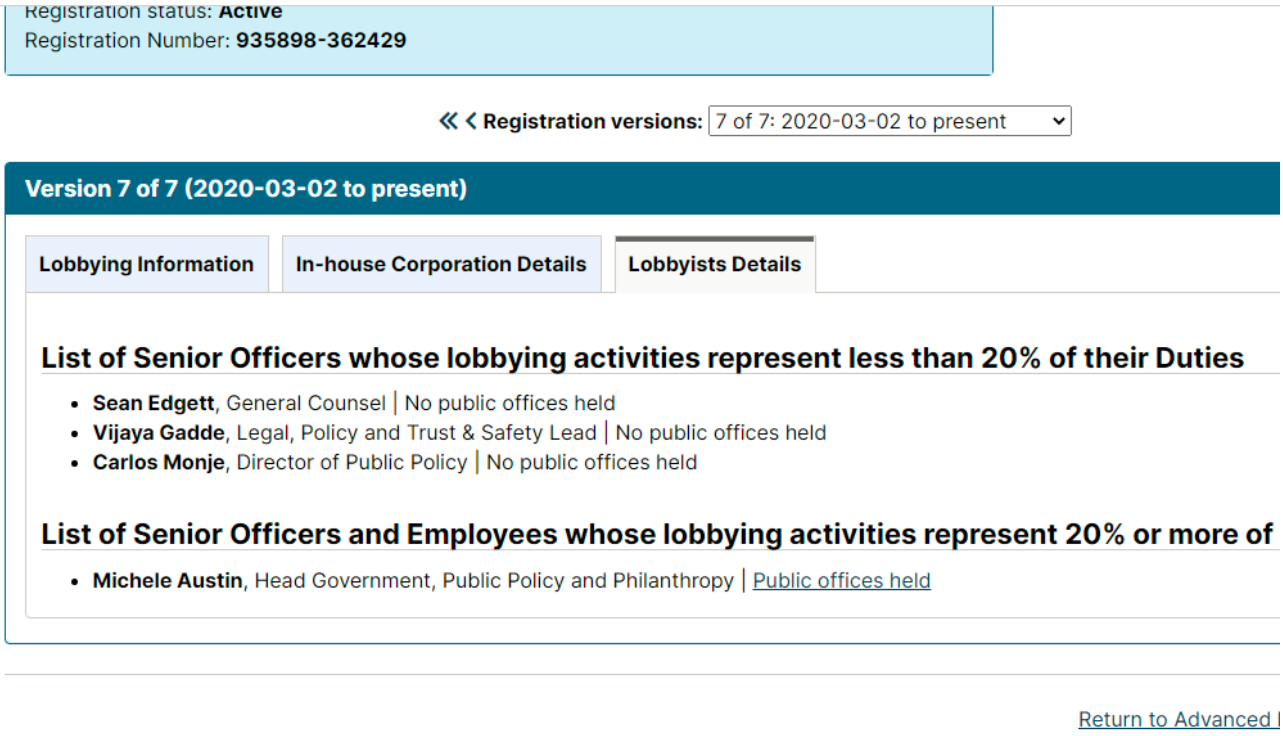
It's quite disturbing to see Twitter meeting with officials over the regulation of online content and social media during elections. A conspiracy theorist might think that these people want

to ban or limit certain topics, in order to influence general elections.

Michele Austin Now Works For Twitter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Lobbying Information
In-house Corporation Details
Lobbyists Details
List of Senior Officers whose lobbying activities represent less than 20% of their Duties
Sean Edgett, General Counsel | No public offices held
Vijaya Gadde, Legal, Policy and Trust & Safety Lead | No public offices held
Carlos Monje, Director of Public Policy | No public offices held
List of Senior Officers and Employees whose lobbying activities represent 20% or more of
Michele Austin, Head Government, Public Policy and Philanthropy | Public offices held
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Public offices held: Michele Austin

List of Public Offices Held

Position	Period Held	Last Date Designated Public Office Held
Chief of Staff Public Works, Status of Women, Shared Services Canada, Minister's Office	June 2011 to December 2012	December 31, 2012
Chief of Staff Industry Canada, Minister's Office	February 2006 to July 2007	Not a designated office
Legislative Assistant House of Commons, The Office of James Rajotte, MP	January 2002 to January 2006	Not a designated office
Senior Researcher Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Policy and Research	January 1998 to December 2000	Not a designated office
Legislative Assistant House of Commons, The Office of John Williams	September 1996 to December 1997	Not a designated office

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Michele Austin
Head, Public Policy | Government @TwitterCanada

Head, Government | Public Policy (Canada)
Twitter
Apr 2018 – Present · 2 yrs 6 mos
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

- Leading Twitter's policy efforts in Canada.
- Leading Twitter's government affairs and civic engagement work in Canada.
- Part of a global, cross-functional policy team.
- Spokesperson for global product launches in Canada and all things politics on Twitter.

Senior Advisor
Summa Strategies Canada
2013 – 2018 · 5 yrs
Ottawa, ON

Guiding government relations clients in tech and digital policy, fintech, telecommunications, procurement policy, science & technology (including IT and innovation), real property, industrial policy and training (advocacy and media)

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Michele Austin
Head, Public Policy | Government @TwitterCanada

Chief of Staff
Public Services and Procurement Canada | Services publics et Approvisionnement Canada
2011 – 2013 · 2 yrs
Gatineau, Quebec

Former Chief of Staff to Rona Ambrose. Responsible for large military procurements including the national shipbuilding procurement secretariat (NSPS) and the national fighter procurement secretariat (NFPS); industrial regional benefits; value propositions; real property management; and managing the Parliamentary Precinct. At Shared Services Canada, responsible for oversig ...see more

Principal
The Earnscliffe Strategy Group
2010 – 2011 · 1 yr
Calgary, AB

Alberta lead working with clients on oil and gas, water, health, agriculture, and research and development.

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Michele Austin
Head, Public Policy | Government @TwitterCanada

Chief of Staff
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
Feb 2006 – Dec 2007 · 1 yr 11 mos
Ottawa, ON

Files included science and technology policy, industrial regional benefits, telecommunications policy, Investment Canada Act, aerospace, tourism and small business policies.

Maxime Bernier

Legislative Assistant
Parliament of Canada
2000 – 2006 · 6 yrs

Speech writer, legislative assistant, stakeholder engagement plans, communications specialist. Responsible for several first draft of platform documents, including Stephen Harper's first policy platform as documented in Tom Flanagan's "Harper's Team".

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Organizations

Government Relations Institute of Canada
Mentor
Sep 2016 – Present
I am proud to take on the role of Mentor with the Government Relations Institute of Canada's pilot mentorship program. The Mentorship Program has paired 17 seasoned government relations leaders with junior and mid-level industry professionals looking to broaden their understanding of the practice, enhance their skills and further their career.

Manning Centre for Building Democracy
Advisory Board - Manning Centre Conference
Sep 2016 – Present
Please join us for this year's conference in Ottawa from February 23-25:
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https://archive.is/3tFFV

Austin spent many years working for various Conservative/Alliance politicians, even in the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition. From February 2006 to July 2007, Austin was the Chief of Staff in the Industry Minister's Office. At that time, it was headed by Maxime Bernier, who now "identifies" as a populist. From June 2011 to December 2012, Austin was Chief of Staff of Public Works, Status of Women, Shared Services Canada, Minister's Office.

The Manning Center refers to the Koch-funded "conservative" think tank headed by former Alliance Leader Preston Manning. It seems that the time in the Official Leader's Office has paid off.

A longtime political hack is now Twitter's main lobbyist in Canada (the only one listed who spends 20% or more time lobbying). This is shocking, but not surprising.

Other Twitter Lobbyist Information

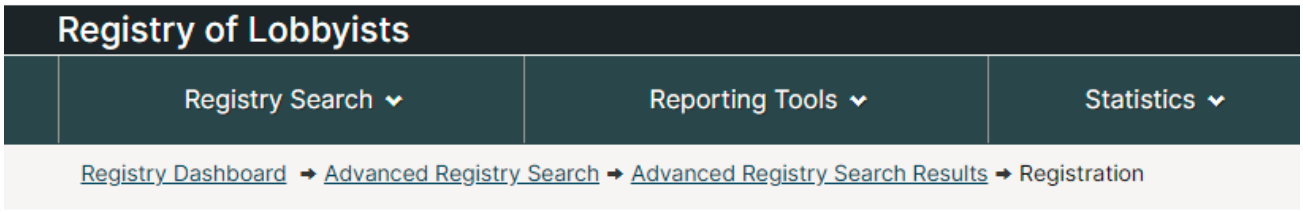
PAUL BURNS

https://www.linkedin.com/in/electricartist/

VIJAYA GADDE
https://www.linkedin.com/in/vijaya-gadde-2864a75/

CARLOS MONJE
https://www.linkedin.com/in/carlos-monje/

Reminder: O'Toole Was Facebook Lobbyist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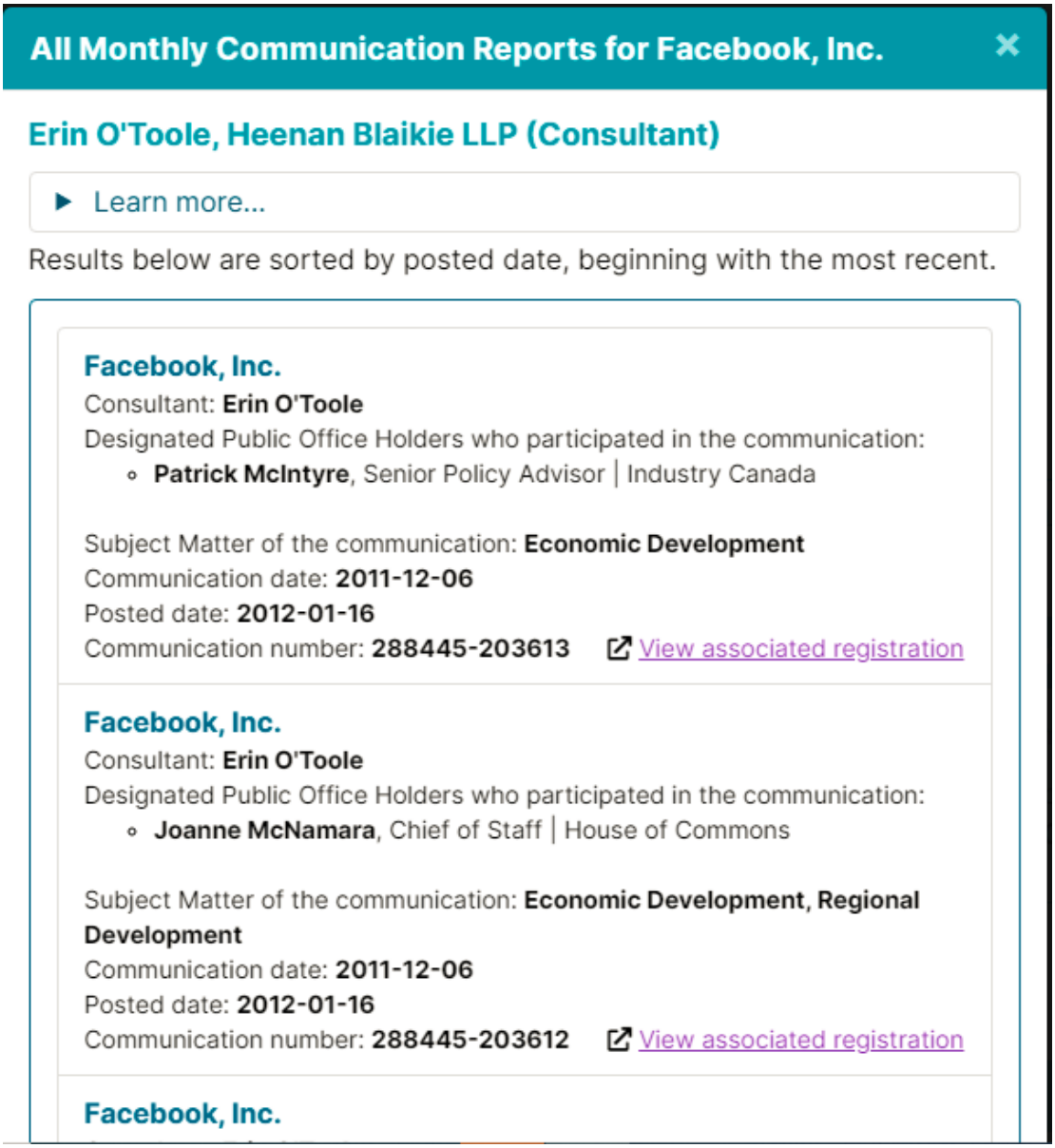
All Monthly Communication Reports for Facebook, Inc.
Erin O'Toole, Heenan Blaikie LLP (Consultant)
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Results below are sorted by posted date, beginning with the most recent.
Facebook, Inc.
Consultant: Erin O'Toole
Designated Public Office Holders who participated in the communication:
Patrick McIntyre, Senior Policy Advisor | Industry Canada
Subject Matter of the communication: Economic Development
Communication date: 2011-12-06
Posted date: 2012-01-16
Communication number: 288445-203613
View associated registration
Facebook, Inc.
Consultant: Erin O'Toole
Designated Public Office Holders who participated in the communication:
Joanne McNamara, Chief of Staff | House of Commons
Subject Matter of the communication: Economic Development, Regional Development
Communication date: 2011-12-06
Posted date: 2012-01-16
Communication number: 288445-203612
View associated registration
Facebook, Inc.

From earlier: New Conservative Party of Canada head Erin O'Toole was a lobbyist for Facebook before getting into politics.

Worth noting: His firm, (the now defunct), Heenan Blaikie had both Pierre Trudeau, and Jean Chretien as partners at one time. Heenan Blaikie was also heavily infiltrated by the Desmarais Family.

Merger Between Social Media & Politics

Considering the sway that lobbyists hold over politicians, it is rather disturbing to see this happen. Politicians — or political operatives — shouldn't be lobbying in areas of social

media. Similarly, lobbyists for social media companies shouldn't be getting into politics.

With all of this in mind, it would be nice to have detailed records and accounts of what actually goes on in these meetings. But that's unlikely to ever happen.

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